

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



January 22, 2004

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-03-04

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)  
BENEFITS WHEN A NAP RECIPIENT APPLIES FOR FOOD STAMPS  
IN THE UNITED STATES – EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2003

REFERENCE: Administrative Notice 04-04; Administrative Notice 04-09;  
All County Information Notice I-46-01

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the revised policy on the treatment of NAP benefits issued in the United States territories of Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. These benefits are not accessible once the person is in the United States because the benefits cannot be accessed through the same point of sale devices used in the electronic benefit transfer system. Food and Nutrition Service is, therefore, requiring that counties treat NAP benefits as inaccessible resources in accordance with MPP 63-501.3 (i) when determining eligibility and benefits for individuals applying for food stamps within the United States. This policy change became effective December 31, 2003.

The information in this ACIN supercedes the information contained in ACIN I-46-01, which states that NAP benefits be treated as unearned income. If you have any questions please contact Katie Kwiatak with the Food Stamp Policy Bureau at (916) 654-1898.

Sincerely,

RICHTON YEE, Chief  
Food Stamp Branch